it that the Medical Officer thinks that it is dangerous to appoint such visitors ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—That I have not mentioned anywhere.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the duty of the Chief Medical Officer to bring such things for the well being of the Medical institutions to the notice of the Diwan ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was an omission.

Circle Inspector—appointment of

343. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) is it not a fact that high promotions are given to officers having departmental test qualifications and other special qualifications prescribed for the higher posts even ignoring the seniority of those who do not possess such qualifications and has it not been done in the offices of the Heads of Departments and also in the Huzur even in making acting appointments;

(b) is there any graduate in the Cochin Government service, except Mr. A. R. Raman, who has served at least for three years as Revenue Inspector and who also possesses the other qualifications prescribed in the Standing Orders for a Tahsildar;

(c) was not an Excise Sub-Inspector recently appointed to act as Circle Inspector and was he not chosen for the promotion because he had higher qualifications than his seniors in service;

(d) in what grade of pay was the acting Circle Inspector working before he was put in the leave arrangement, and what is the pay of a Circle Inspector;

(e) what is the present grade of pay of Mr. A. R. Raman and what is the pay of a Deputy Tahsildar;

(f) was not the acting Circle Inspector only a second grade Sub-Inspector and is not Mr. Raman a first grade Revenue Inspector;

(g) what is the total service of each of these two officers, and in what all capacities have they worked till now and how long in each capacity;

(h) is not Mr. Raman the senior-most among the graduate Revenue Inspectors of the State and is he not the Revenue Inspector of the head-quarter firkah?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes, for ordinary promotions from one grade to another.

(b) No.

(c) The Excise Sub-Inspector referred to alone had the necessary qualification fixed under S. O. 368 (3) of the Excise Manual for appointment as Circle Inspector.

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(d) His grade of pay was Rs. 60—80. The pay of the Circle Inspector is Rs. 100—150.

(e) The pay of Mr. A. R. Raman is now Rs. 60—80. The pay of the Deputy Tahsildar is Rs. 100—150.

(f) The acting Circle Inspector was a second grade Sub-Inspector.

At present there is no separate class of officers as Revenue Inspectors. Clerks and Revenue Inspectors are in one cadre and they replace each other according to posting. Mr. Raman, who now works as Revenue Inspector, is liable to be posted as clerk at any time.

(g) Mr. Raman has put up in a total service of about 7 years and 4 months. A statement showing the various capacities in which he has worked is appened. (*Appendix II.*)

The acting Circle Inspector, Mr. Jacob, has put in a total service of about 2 years and 6 months. He has worked only as Sub-Inspector for 2 years, 4 months and 16 days.

(h) As stated in answer to Sub-division (f) above, there is no distinct class of officers known as Revenue Inspectors now. Among clerks now doing duty as Revenue Inspectors, Mr. Raman is the senior-most. He is now in charge of one of the head-quarter firkahs.

Tahsildar—qualification for the appointments of.

344. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) have the Government passed a rule that no person would be eligible for appointment as Tahsildar unless he has served at least for three years as Revenue Inspector;

(b) when was it passed;

(c) was it after the appointment of the present Diwan;

(d) was this rule passed on the recommendation of the then Diwan Peishkar or did it originate from the Diwan himself;

(e) did the Government receive any application for the Tahsildar's or Deputy Tahsildars post during the years 1107, 1108 and 1109 from persons possessing this qualification and also other test qualifications prescribed in the Standing Orders for a Tahsildar;

(f) how many such applicants were there in all, and was there an Ezhuva among them;

(g) how many petitions has this Ezhuva officer submitted during the years 1107, 1108 and 1109 applying for Tahsildar's or Deputy Tahsildar's post;

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APPENDIX II.

Statement showing the various capacities in which Mr. A. R. Raman has worked and their duration.

Clerk, Diwan Peishkar's Office	4½ months.
Probationary Revenue Inspector	2 years.
State Surveyor	9 months.
Manager, Survey and Land Records Office	3½ months.
Revenue Inspector	1 year, 3 months.
Clerk, doing duty as Revenue Inspector	2 years, 7½ months

APPENDIX III (a).

Remarks of the Tahsildar, dated 2nd Dhanu 1107, on petition dated 1st Dhanu 1107 from Mr. A. R. Raman Revenue Inspector, Anthikkad,

Submitted to the Diwan Peishkar with the remarks that the petitioner is deserving of encouragement.

Remarks of the Diwan Peishkar, on the above petition dated 5th Dhanu 1107.

Forwarded.

Diwan Peishkar's remarks dated 1st Chingam 1109 on Mr. A. R. Raman's petition, dated 31st Karkadagam 1108.

Forwarded. I do not think that there is sufficient justification to give him the Tahsildar's post just now. He has put in only a service of about 7 years. There are very many seniors to him. Two of such seniors namely Messrs. V. Krishna Menon and T. I. Chummar have already undergone the necessary survey training for appointment as Tahsildars. Mr. Krishna Menon is now acting as the Deputy Tahsildar of Cranganur and Mr. Chummar as Manager of my office. Both of them are very honest, efficient and hard working officers. Their character also leaves nothing to be desired. They have worked under me while I was the Secretary to the Diwan and I had ample opportunities to know their worth and character. No doubt Mr Raman belongs to a community which is not very well represented in Government service and it was for this reason that he was recently appointed as Senior Revenue Inspector on Rs. 60—80 overlooking the claims of 7 or 8 Revenue Inspectors As Revenue Inspector on Rs. 40 to 60, Mr. Raman was not in charge of any important Firkah. Before appointing him as Tahsildar he will have to work as Revenue Inspector in some important Firkah like Ernakulam and gain better experience of the working of the department. The question of giving him a Tahsildar's post may be considered in due course.

Tahsildar's remarks dated 6th Dhanu 1109, on Mr. Raman's petition, 1st Dhanu 1109.

The applicant has worked under me for a short period only. But during that period I have found him hard working and diligent. He was put in charge of responsible duties in connection with the Viceregal visit which he discharged with complete satisfaction.

Diwan Peishkar's remarks dated 25th Dhanu 1109 on the above petition.

Forwarded. Kind reference is solicited to my predecessor's endorsement dated 1st Chingam 1109 N. Dis. 34/1109, on a similar petition of the applicant forwarded to the Diwan.

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